

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 15

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 9

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 15—Relative to Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

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ACR 15, Frommer. Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.

This measure would proclaim the month of March 2003 to be “Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month.”

WHEREAS, Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men and women combined in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society estimates that, in 2003, in the United States over 147,500 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed and 57,100 individuals are expected to die from the disease; and

WHEREAS, In the State of California an estimated 5,095 individuals will die from colorectal cancer and 14,330 new cases will be diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, Screening for colorectal cancer is underutilized and less than 50 percent of individuals above 50 years of age receive annual screenings for colorectal cancer; and

WHEREAS, Detected early, colon cancer has a 90-percent chance of a cure; and

WHEREAS, Education can help inform the public of methods of prevention and symptoms that lead to early detection; and

WHEREAS, The State of California should help inform the public about colorectal cancer prevention and screening; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, That the month of March 2003 is hereby declared “Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month” in California; and be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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